

## Light and Serious Things in Society

## Opera and Horse Show, Rival Attractions, Open the Season

Social Developments of the Week Interesting Alike to Observers and Participants—Return of the Mountbattens—Count and Countess in New Roles.

IN addition to the opening of the season of opera in the Metropolitan and the annual week of the Horse Show, six persons stood out in the proceedings in society during the last six days. It was at least a crush week that started the machinery going at full speed, and in these days speed is essential.

As each season now makes many of its own social standards and as, in the revival of an operatic classic, the season introduces new members into the fashionable cast with a previously accepted libretto and mise en scene, this winter season in society may be said to have received the proper acceleration in the light of present day manners, customs and unwritten laws.

It was a week of developments interesting alike to observers and participants, starting with the delightful experience of the latter group of the great social body of being obliged to turn in three directions at one time—the opera premiere, the first night session at the Horse Show and the first performance in the Thirty-ninth Street Theater by the players from the Comedie Francaise, with Mlle. Cecile Sorel at their head.

Unfortunately the Horse Show suffered, a condition that undoubtedly would have been otherwise had the directors of the National Horse Show Association decided to stage the opening of their spectacle a week in advance of the premiere at Broadway and Fortieth street.

The Horse Show opening cannot compete with the operatic premiere, though it made a brave showing despite competition. Social history has made that evident in recent years and it is a source of regret to a great many persons of this city, who would like to have some of New York's pet social traditions maintained, that one of the noted sporting and social attractions running back through nearly four decades has not been permitted to have an opening night if not a full week to itself.

Until a few years ago the opening night of the Horse Show was set for election week, and thus was always in advance of the operatic premiere. Society kept that page of its engagement book open for the start, but with the change in the date the opera won in the inevitable survival of the fashionable fittest.

Mr. Gatti-Casazza had the satisfaction of writing into the record of the start of his fifteenth season as general manager of the Metropolitan Opera Company a premiere that was of the first order of social consequence, with an introduction of a class of new holders of the boxes of the stockholders that promises to maintain the standards set by the men and women who have made the "golden horseshoe" what it is as a fashionable criterion.

Across Broadway there was another social spectacle which might have been turned in the credit of the Horse Show opening had not Mlle. Sorel and the other players from the Comedie Francaise been making their debuts. In the Thirty-ninth Street Theater fashionable caste was given to that opening by the presence of Mrs. William K. Vanderbilt with a party that included Mrs. Henry B. Huntington, Mrs. Joseph Pulitzer with her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Pulitzer, in a box, and of others who give color to social life such as Mr. and Mrs. F. Egerton Webb, Mr. and Mrs. R. Horace Gallatin, Mr. Whitney Warren, Jr., Mr. Stephen B. Elkins with a party, Mr. and Mrs. Henry W. Harkness, Mr. and Mrs. Walter T. Ross, Mrs. Brady Harriman, Mrs. R. de G. Courcier, Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Livingston, Mrs. Biddle Duke, Mr. Albert R. Shattuck, Mr. and Mrs. Snowden Fahnestock, Mrs. Barbara Hatch, who again has taken up her New York life after a long absence in the West; Miss Maude K. Wetmore, Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Thomas, Mrs. Francis H. Cabot and Mrs. William Randolph Hearst, whose party included Dr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Blake, and Count and Countess Thun of Revel.

**Zichy's Open "Cercle Connu."**  
On that hectic Monday night also society proved its loyalty to Count and Countess Edward Zichy at the opening of their "Cercle Connu" supper and dance club in the Ritz-Carlton. In the assembly there for refreshment and congenial exercise after the theater and the opera were some whose memories went back to the marriage of Mrs. Mabel Wright Zichy, former wife of the late Fernando Yznaga, to Count Bela Zichy. Count Edward is their son. His parents have passed most of their time abroad in recent years. One of scores of half American younger sons of ennobled European families, Count Edward, in quest of his career, went into the world war and was a prisoner in Russia for three years. He returned to England, where he was born, and gave his attention to scenario writing with considerable success. He and his bride, sister of Lady Elizabeth Leveson-Gower, widow of Lord Alastair, who at his death was held to the dukedom of Sutherland, are living at 145 East Forty-ninth street.

Miss Mabel Gerry took a large party to the "Cercle Connu" opening and Mr. Clarence H. Mackay, Miss Elin Mackay, Mrs. William K. Vanderbilt, 2d, Mr. and Mrs. Ogden H. Hammond, Mr. and Mrs. Courtlandt D. Barnes, Mr. and Mrs. James W. Gerard, Mr. and Mrs. George B. Post, Jr., Lady Granard, who like many others went on after the opera; Prince and Princess de Baganza, Mr. and Mrs. W. Goadby Lowe, Prince and Princess Francesco Rospigliosi, Mrs. Jerome Napoleon Bonaparte and Senator and Mrs. Peter G. Gerry were a few among the many there.

**Return of Mountbattens.**  
The six characters that stood out in last week's proceedings were Lord and Lady Louis Mountbatten, Mr. William H. Vanderbilt, Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. de Forest and Miss Belle Salinger.

The royal bridegroom and his bride returned to New York last Monday as public characters. The following day was their last as such. On Wednesday they entered private life after six weeks of what he on Tuesday designated as "among the most fascinating in my experience." His observation was sincere as well as

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## Two of the Debutantes, One of the Recent Brides and a Descendant of Grant



## Brides Continue to Hold Center of Social Stage

Several Interesting Weddings This Month—Many Engagements Announced.

BRIDES will continue to hold the center of the social stage for the next two weeks. A number of interesting weddings are scheduled for the remaining days of this month, the details of which have just been completed.

Miss Mary Hurd, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard M. Hurd, whose marriage to Mr. George Franklyn Lawrence, Jr., will take place on November 27 in St. George's Church, Stuyvesant Square, has just completed her list of attendants. Her sister, Miss Eleanor Hurd, will be her maid of honor, and Miss Helen Lee of this city, Mrs. Samuel Sloan Walker, Mrs. Harold Harvey and Mrs. Frederick A. Lund of this city; Mrs. Louis Curtis of Boston and Mrs. Thomas McMillan, Jr., of Philadelphia, will be her other attendants.

Mr. Lawrence, who is a son of Mr. and Mrs. George Franklyn Lawrence of 145 East Fortieth street and served overseas in naval aviation, will have his brother, Mr. John T. Lawrence, for best man. The ceremony will be performed at 4 o'clock by the rector, the Rev. Dr. Karl Reiland, assisted by the Rev. Dr. Endicott Peabody of Groton. A reception will follow at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hurd, 12 East Fifty-eighth street.

On the following day, November 28, Miss Sarah Elizabeth Larkin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Adrian Hoffman Larkin, will become the bride of Mr. Albert Palmer Loening. Their marriage will take place in the Church of the Resurrection, at 4 o'clock, and will be followed by a reception at the Larkin residence, 61 East Eighty-second street.

Miss Larkin has chosen Mrs. Philip Kip Rhineland for her matron of honor. Her other attendants will be Mrs. James S. Larkin, Miss Hope Satterthwaite, her cousin, Miss Toole Coe and Miss Clara Lee, the latter two of Southampton.

Mr. Grover Loening will be his brother's best man, and another brother, Mr. Rudolph R. Loening, and Messrs. James S. Larkin, Francis Lewis Gould and James Hyde Ripley will be ushers.

Miss Irene Pierce, daughter of Mr.

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## Westchester Clubs Are Busy These Days

Weather conditions make possible the enjoyment of all sorts of outdoor sports at the various country clubs throughout Westchester county. Nearly every day last week found the links of the course at the Westchester-Biltmore Country Club crowded. Last evening there was a large attendance at the regular Saturday night dinner dance. These dances will be continued during the winter. On Thanksgiving eve there is to be a special dinner dance. At the next Friday night smoker there are to be amateur boxing bouts. The gun club is attracting considerable interest among members. On November 29 the first annual invitation turkey shoot will be held.

Among those at Westchester-Biltmore during the week were Messrs. Avery I. Andrews, William Billington, Austin D. Briscoe and Reginald W. Briscoe, Dr. Robert E. Buckley, Messrs. Alan T. Burleigh, James P. Carey and Courlandt

## Continue the Sale of Disabled Men's Work

The sale under the auspices of the "Let Us Forget Committee" conducted at Lord & Taylor's all last week was so successful that it will be continued tomorrow, Tuesday and Wednesday. The articles on sale are made by disabled soldiers who are in hospitals in and around New York.

Among members of the committee are Mrs. Arthur Terry, Mrs. G. Franklyn Lawrence, Mrs. J. West Roosevelt, Mrs. Stanley Haskins, Mrs. Francis Rogers, Mrs. William A. Harrow, Mrs. Douglas Robinson, Mrs. Henry Parish, Miss Martha White, Mrs. Perry Trafford, Mrs. Myron Shaefer and Miss Frances Hopkin.

The articles sold are useful, artistic and attractive.

**FOR RETIRED TEACHERS' AID.**  
A bazaar and sale will be given by the Association of Retired Teachers, Inc., of New York on next Saturday afternoon and evening at the Hotel McAlpin.

## Miss Rocketteller to Make Debut at Evening Party

Miss Audrey Parsons Another Who Makes Her Bow to New York Society.

EACH mail now brings to debutantes scores of invitations for entertainments of one of the busiest seasons on record and it remains to be seen what their endurance powers will be. One thing is evident and that is with all the numerous attendant duties of the winter the much sought debutante has enough on hand to require the services of a private secretary to accept or regret such invitations. Such a task is more than a single individual could attend to.

Debutante entertainments started in last week with the luncheon for Miss Abby Rockefeller at the Colony Club on Wednesday when forty of her young friends were there at the invitation of Mrs. William G. Rockefeller, who is now in Europe. Mrs. Winchester Fitch had a luncheon of fifty for Miss Dora Hotchkiss Friday afternoon and later Mrs. Fitch's guests appeared at the reception which Mrs. Barclay Ulman gave to introduce her daughter, Miss Audrey Barclay Ulman which was followed by a dinner and theater party.

Next Tuesday a luncheon will be given for Miss Ulman at the Ritz-Carlton by her grandmother, Mrs. Barclay-Bayne. Miss Ulman is one of the most accomplished debutantes of the winter. She returned recently from Paris, where she has been at boarding school for two years, and she is a linguist.

Miss Abby Rockefeller's formal introduction to society will be made Wednesday night at a musicale which her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John D. Rockefeller, Jr., will give at the family home, 10 West Fifty-fourth street. Mrs. Rockefeller will give a dinner for her daughter on the night of November 25, afterward taking her guests to the dance which Mrs. William K. Vanderbilt 2d will give at 666 Fifth avenue for Miss Cathleen Vanderbilt, debutante daughter of Mr. Reginald C. Vanderbilt and Mrs. Sydney J. Colford, Jr.

One of the debutantes is Miss Frances W. Budlong, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Milton W. Budlong of 125 East Seventy-second street. Mrs. Budlong will give a Hawaiian luncheon for her daughter on November 28. On the night of December 29 Mr. and Mrs. Budlong will give a dance for their daughter at Sherry's, for which event they have engaged the entire restaurant floor. Mrs. Budlong is a cousin of Mr. Henry Lane Wilson, one-time American Ambassador to Mexico.

Among the invitations received within a few days was one from Mr. and Mrs. Richard H. McCurdy for a dance on the night of November 28 at the Morris County Country Club in New Jersey for their niece Miss Mary Forbes, daughter of the late Joseph D. Forbes and Mrs. Forbes, and a cousin of Miss Caro Shaw, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Munson Galloway Shaw. Mrs. Forbes arrived last week on the Berengaria with friends of her family. She has been living for several years in Biarritz. The dance will follow numerous dinners.

**Luncheon for Miss Keogh.**  
Mrs. Martin J. Keogh will give a luncheon at the Colony Club next Wednesday for her debutante daughter Miss Peggy Keogh and later in the afternoon Mrs. George Quackenbush will give a reception with dancing at 563 Park avenue to introduce her daughter, Virginia Quackenbush. Mrs. Bayard Dominick, 555 Park avenue has sent out invitations for a tea on November 27 for her granddaughter, Miss Helen Dominick Smith, debutante daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Alexander Smith, of Princeton, who will be included at the prominent New York parties of the season.

Mrs. H. Edward Manville will give a reception at 125 East Seventy-second street on the afternoon of November 29 for Miss Louise Barber, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Manville, and Miss Marie Brooke, daughter of Lieut. Commander and Mrs. Hayes Brooke. Mr. and Mrs. Manville will introduce their daughter, Miss Barbara Manville, on the afternoon of December 26 when they will hold a reception in the ball room of the Ritz-Carlton. After a dinner for the receiving party and some young men, Mr. and Mrs. Manville will take their dinner guests to a theater and later back to the hotel for a dance.

Miss Gertrude De Lancey Watts, who has been at boarding school in England for two years, will leave for the Continent December 14 and will be formally introduced to society by her mother, Mrs. Townsend Morgan, at a reception at 134 East Sixty-sixth street on the afternoon of December 15. Miss Watts will return to England soon after the New Year.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard C. Brockway returned last week to 284 Fifth avenue from The Chimneys, their country place in Brookville, L. I. During the winter they will introduce their daughter, Miss Julia Brockway, who with her parents was in Europe for the summer.

Mrs. Cornelius F. Kelley of 410 Park avenue will give a luncheon December 7 at Sherry's for her daughter, Miss Katherine Kelley. The day following Mrs. Edgar S. Thomson will give a luncheon at the same place for her daughter, Miss Sara Thomson.

Miss Margaret H. Hennessey will give a luncheon at 953 Park avenue December 5 for Miss Elizabeth Cavert, a daughter of Mrs. Thomas Cavert, and her guests will include many debutantes of the season.

**Dance for Miss Elliot.**  
Mr. Stuyvesant Elliot will introduce his second daughter, Miss Rosalie Elliot, on December 14 when he will give a supper dance at Sherry's.

Mrs. Walter Wood Parsons will give a tea with dancing at Sherry's the afternoon of December 14. Mrs. Parsons, who is a Vassar student, and at the same time Mrs. Nathan K. Averill will introduce her daughter, Miss Mary Averill.

The day following Mr. and Mrs. Withers Black will give a tea dance in the ball room of the Ritz-Carlton for their daughter, Miss Rosalie Black, and on that date the Plaza Mrs. J. Frederick Talbot will introduce her daughter, Miss Martha Talbot, at a similar entertainment.

## Calendar of Social Events for the Week

## MONDAY.

Marriage of Miss Irene Pierce, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clay Arthur Pierce, to Mr. Norvin Hewitt Green, 11 East Sixty-eighth street, 4 P. M.

Christmas sale at Lord & Taylor's of articles made by disabled soldiers, under auspices of the Let Us Forget Committee, to continue Tuesday and Wednesday.

## TUESDAY.

Mrs. Barclay Bayne, luncheon for her daughter, Miss Audrey Barclay Ulman.

Mrs. Benjamin G. Lathrop, tea for her daughter, Miss Elsie Gordon Lathrop, and Mr. William K. K. Taylor, Jr., the Plaza.

Bridge for Kennedy House Settlement, Sherry's.

## WEDNESDAY.

Mrs. Martin J. Keogh, luncheon, Colony Club, for her debutante daughter, Miss Peggy Keogh.

Mrs. George Quackenbush, 563 Park avenue, tea dance for Miss Virginia Quackenbush.

Mr. and Mrs. John D. Rockefeller, Jr., evening reception with music, at 10 West Fifty-fourth street, to introduce Miss Abby Rockefeller.

Marriage of Miss Katherine De Lancey Thorn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Conde Haguet Thorn, to Mr. Sidney Bradford Grant of Orange, N. J., All Angels Church.

## THURSDAY.

Marriage of Miss Elizabeth Jay to Mr. Russell, daughter of Mr. Stephen Leshner Landon, Church of the Epiphany, 4 P. M.

Marriage of Miss Gretchen Schoen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Schoen, to Mr. Gray MacW. Bryan, son of Col. and Mrs. Charles S. Bryan, St. Thomas's Church, 4:30 P. M.

## FRIDAY.

Dinner and dance to celebrate the coming of age of Mr. William H. Vanderbilt, son of the late Alfred G. Vanderbilt, and of Mrs. Paul Fitz Simons, Oakland Farm, Newport.

Second dance of The Bachelors, Della Robbia room of the Vanderbilt.

## SATURDAY.

Bridge in and of the Misericordia Hospital, under direction of Mrs. Walter Burke, the Plaza, afternoon.